

Amendment to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0003] with the following amended paragraph:

The present invention provides a chewing gum base containing an effective amount of an ultra high molecular weight polyvinylacetate to make an environmentally friendly chewing gum. It is known in the art of chewing gum making to include polyvinylacetate ("PVAc") in chewing gum base for the purpose of making a non-adhesive chewing gum. United States Patent Number 4,375,355 entitled Non-Stick Bubble Gum Base Composition claims the use of polyvinylacetate in bubble gum. The PVAc disclosed and claimed has a molecular weight less than or equal to 94,000 daltons. The present invention differs from U.S. Patent 4,357,355 in that the molecular weights of the PVAc used are 100,000 ~~dalton~~ daltons and greater.